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## PEACE TERMS OF RECOVERY GIVEN BY CABINET OFFICER

Recovery of Alsace and Lorraine, Restoration of Belgium and Serbia, and Crushing of "German Imperialism" Constitute Peace Basis, Says Under-Secretary of War.

Paris, Dec. 6.—France will not make peace until Alsace and Lorraine are won, Belgium and Serbia restored and "German imperialism and Prussian militarism are put beyond the possibility of resurrection," Albert Thomas, under secretary of war, said yesterday.

The declaration of M. Thomas is attracting widespread attention, as it is one of the first statements from a responsible cabinet official concerning the attitude of the government in regard to peace.

The statements of M. Thomas were made in an address to a large crowd assembled in memory of the dead of the war of 1870. M. Thomas said:

"There will be no peace until our Alsace and Lorraine are definitely re-established as part of the French unity."

"There will be no peace until our unfortunate brothers of Belgium and Serbia are assured of recovering their homes in complete security and independence."

"There will be no peace until German imperialism and Prussian militarism are put beyond the possibility of resurrection."

"There will be no peace until a system of right, founded on the victorious union of the Allies, and supported by the free adherence of neutrals, has abolished forever the violence of war."

"Whatever may be the sacrifices France, united, will go steadily forward to accomplish this end. Today, before the terrible obstacles that confront them, justice and liberty have only one road—that at which our nation in arms opens to them, with the machine gun and cannon."

The declaration of M. Thomas derives added significance from the fact that in addition to his connection with the cabinet, he is one of the leaders of the Socialist party.

Maurice Barrès, president of the League of Patriots, also addressed the memorial meeting.

"What is the meaning of the determination of France to carry on the war to the end?" he asked. "It means

## CONGRESS TAKES UP BIG TASK

Sixty-Fourth Session is Begun at Noon With Formal Organization of Both Branches of Body.

Champ Clark is Again Speaker of House, and Senator Clarke is Re-elected Senate President.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress re-assembled at noon today for what promises to be the most important and historic session of a generation.

Proceedings in both House and Senate were brief, being confined entirely to organization and formal introduction of bills and resolutions. In accordance with custom both House and Senate adjourned and sent a committee to formally notify President Wilson that Congress was in session.

Tomorrow, the real work of the session begins when President Wilson delivers his annual address to a joint session assembled in the hall of the House.

In his opening address to the House, the Speaker paid tribute to Republican Leader Mann and predicted a practically continuous session hereafter.

"I am profoundly grateful to you at the high honor of the Speakership, thrice conferred by your friendly and loyal body," he said. "I thank the Democrats for their personal good will which has attended me all my days here. By reason of the amazing growth of our beloved country and the bewildering increase of business the time is in sight when the Congress will remain practically in perpetual session. I hope this Congress will go into history as a working Congress."

The Senate floor and galleries presented the usual scene. James M. Baker, the secretary, called the session to order and the chaplain prayed for divine guidance for the preservation of peace at home and its restoration abroad.

Thirty-two newly elected Senators then were sworn in. Each was escorted by his colleague.

Speaker Clark was re-elected and sworn in amid cheers from the floor and galleries. In the Senate, the election of Senator Clarke of Arkansas as president pro-tempore. Vice-President Marshall was not in the chair for the opening.

After swearing the new members in, the Senate recessed until 2:30 o'clock. In the House, meanwhile, bills and resolutions were pouring into the hopper, and now holds the National defense measures predominated and there were many proposals for various investigations.

There were many bills for rural credit, river and harbor improvements, extension of the rural mail service and a large number of the so-called private bills. Many never will get further than the stage of introduction.

The business of introducing bills did not deter some of the old times from holding receptions. Former Speaker Cannon, Representatives Hill, Longworth and McKinley and others, as well as the leaders of both houses were among the groups of latest arrivals.

## JUDGE IS LENIENT WITH WOMAN WHO ASSAULTED CHILD

Mother is Best Friend of Boy, Even Though She Bit Him, Says Bartlett.

In view of the fact that she is the mother of the child, and in the opinion of the court, the mother is the best friend of a boy, Judge Frederick A. Bartlett in city court today failed to punish with a jail sentence, Mrs. Mary Esposito, aged 45, of 197 North Washington street, arrested on a charge of assaulting her six-year-old son, Michael, and instead of the jail sentence, the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs upon the irate mother.

Sergeant Charles H. Wagner testified to having seen Mrs. Esposito chasing her son at North Washington street and Grand street about 10 a. m. yesterday, and on catching the child, grabbing him by the head and hair, lifting him over her head and hurling him against the curbstone. She then picked him up and ran to her home with the semi-conscious child.

Sergeant Wagner and Policeman Patrick Burns followed her to the Esposito home and here found the mother endeavoring to get the child from under the stove where he had crawled for safety. The irate mother was snatched and the limp form of her son was pulled from underneath the stove.

After Michael had been revived he informed the police that his mother had bitten him on the nose and back. He was taken to the emergency hospital where he was treated by Dr. J. H. Beaudry. Mrs. Esposito was placed under arrest charged with assault.

In city court today she said she is the mother of 15 children, only three of which are now living. Michael is her only son remaining and she loves him.

Mrs. Esposito said that she was going to visit friends in East Bridgeport and that Michael insisted upon going with her though he was not dressed and the reason for his being under the stove was that she had placed him there to keep him warm.

## BERNSTORFF ASKS REASONS FOR ATTACHES' RECALL

## FIVE INDICTMENTS AGAINST PLOTTERS

New York, Dec. 6.—Five additional indictments were returned against Robert Fay, Walter Scholz, Max Breitling, Dr. Herbert Kienle, Englebert Bronkhorst and Paul Daeche. All were charged with conspiracy to commit murder, to commit assault with deadly weapons and to destroy ships.

The previous indictments against them merely charged them with planning to destroy ships.

## DRUGS USED BY ROBBERS SAYS BOSTON VICTIM

Traveling Salesman Tells Police He Took Knockout Drops on Train.

Believing that he was a victim of a knockout drop while on the way from Boston to this city and that he was later relieved of \$35 in cash, a gold watch and platinum chain, gold knife, a keepsake worth \$300, his overcoat and baggage check, H. A. Healey of Boston, a traveling salesman for a Massachusetts jewelry firm, walked into police headquarters this morning and complained to the police authorities.

He also said that while traveling to this city on the 1:25 train from Boston last night he encountered two men, one named David Hurlhey of Medford, Mass., and another whose name he cannot remember. The last Healey can remember is getting off the train in this city accompanied by Hurlhey and the stranger. The party of three went to the Stratfield hotel and upon awakening this morning Healey discovered his loss.

Detective James A. Ryan was given a description of Hurlhey and the stranger and at 11 o'clock he arrested Robert Upton of 250 Hanover street, and Hurlhey, both alleged to have robbed Healey of his belongings. On Hurlhey's person were found the gold knife and wallet containing the money stolen from Healey but the prisoner refused to admit the theft, and said that he would leave it to the courts to decide upon his guilt.

## UNION LEADERS WILL REPORT ON U.M.C. DISPUTE

To Consider Trouble and Send Finding to Machinists Next Thursday.

The general executive board of the International Association of Machinists will make a report Thursday morning to the Bridgeport local on the conditions at the Union Metallic Cartridge Co.

At the mass meeting of the employees yesterday, the 900 men present indicated a desire to strike but members of the board prevailed upon them to wait until Thursday. At the meeting of the local to be held that day in the Machinists' club, Cannon street, the report will be received, for or against a strike.

Thomas J. Savage, chairman of the executive board, has announced to the local here that 1,500 machinists are wanted through the union, by the American Can Co. of Edgewater, N. J. In view of this, he said yesterday in a letter to the meeting, a more favorable settlement here may be expected.

Frank Jennings, Charles Nicholson and Robert Fechner, members of the executive board, discussed the matter at a meeting here today.

The trouble between the Remington Arms blacksmiths and allied tradesmen is likely to be settled, according to union leaders.

## Health Officials Cause Arrest of Lunch Proprietor

Upon complaint of Sanitary Health Inspectors C. Howard Dunbar and Louis Hilsinger, William Rodman of 952 Hallett street, keeper of a restaurant at Boston avenue and Hallett street, was arrested by the police on a charge of keeping for sale unwholesome food and a poor quality of meat. The restaurant is in close proximity to the plant of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co., and has been doing a land office business since its opening four months ago. Rodman will stand trial in city court tomorrow morning.

## THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; continued cold. Fresh to strong northwest winds.

## Ambassador Presents Request to State Department For Information As to Why Boy-Ed and Von Papen Should Go—Will Not Ask Safe Conduct For Them—U. S. Protest to England is Filed.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Count Von Bernstorff today presented to the State Department a communication asking for the reasons for the request for the withdrawal of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain Von Papen, the German naval and military attaches, respectively.

It was stated authoritatively though not in the communication that the ambassador would under no consideration ask the United States to get safe conducts for the attaches. The German government was represented as considering it incumbent upon the United States to return the attaches safely to German territory and bringing their successors here.

Count Von Bernstorff today made emphatic denial of reports that Germany or German official agents had been concerned in recent attempts to set up a counter revolution in Mexico.

Should it develop from the state department that other incidents than the Archibald case and the testimony at the trial of the conspirators of the Hamburg-American line were considered by the United States in asking for the withdrawal of the attaches, Germany will contest the withdrawal. Should the department reply that those two incidents alone were responsible, the withdrawal will take place without further inquiry or protest. Even then, however, Germany will consider that under the circumstances, the United States must open

the way for the attaches to leave the country.

The embassy was represented as considering that if and the attaches were before the bar of public opinion, in such circumstances the understanding is that the embassy will deny that the attaches have in any way been connected with any attack other than the Archibald incident and the testimony in the federal court in New York.

All this action is considered by officials of the state department to be contrary to precedents of diplomatic procedure. While conferences upon the subject are in progress, the two attaches, Captain Boy-Ed and Captain Von Papen, will remain within the United States. They both were in Washington today and they have conferred with Count Von Bernstorff several times. Under all diplomatic usage it is only necessary for the United States to indicate to Germany that attaches are persona non grata and it is not necessary to give a reason for asking for their withdrawal.

The German ambassador's action today came as a distinct surprise to officials here.

## VIGOROUS PROTEST FLED BY U.S. AGAINST SEIZURE OF STEAMERS BY BRITISH

Washington, Dec. 6.—Ambassador Page in London advised the State Department today that he had filed a vigorous protest with the British foreign office against requisitioning vessels of the American Transatlantic Co. without the formality of prize court proceedings.

The despatch did not contain the text of the protest of information regarding the intention of the British government to seize the vessels of the State Department, however, that the Hocking, now at Halifax and the Genesee at St. Lucia, West Indies, were among the vessels covered by the protest.

In a message of instructions from the State Department, the ambassador was told to inquire whether the British government intended to requisition the ships and, if so, to make a vigorous protest.

He was told to insist that the cases of the vessels now held for prize court be settled at the earliest possible moment.

## SAYS TWO U-BOATS TORPEDOED ANCONA

Washington, Dec. 6.—The State Department received today a statement from Consul Mason at Tunis, giving the substance of an affidavit made by Giuseppe Torrisi, an Ancona survivor, to the effect that the Ancona was attacked simultaneously by two submarines, one on each side, the one on the port side shelling her.

## FIGHT WITNESSED BY CONGREGATION CAUSED PROTESTS

Members of Church Leaving Service See Battle in Front of Hotel Atlas.

A fight in front of the Hotel Atlas just as the congregation was leaving the Universalist church is reported to be the principal reason why a remonstrance was filed against the renewal of a liquor license to Prof. Atlas. The trouble took place only a short time ago and although the police were summoned to quell the disturbance no report was ever made about the matter.

Prominent members of the Universalist church say that when the hotel was opened, Prof. Atlas declared it was to be a bona fide hotel, catering mostly to transient trade. He promised there would be no noise but since the cabaret feature has been started there have been many complaints from the church members.

The church members who signed the remonstrance are Assistant Clerk Fred W. Tracy of the superior court, Charles E. Buckingham, Nathan C. Buckingham, Dr. Charles P. Waller, E. H. Greene, and William J. Taft. Rev. William W. Rose, pastor of the church, headed the remonstrance.

The county commissioners stated this morning that they had not received a remonstrance from the First Methodist church, although there were rumors that Rev. George M. Brown was circulating one. No date has yet been assigned for a hearing on the Hotel Atlas case. It is claimed that the hotel is less than 150 feet from the Universalist church and it is detrimental to the morals of the community.

## Thieves Get Jewels And Diamonds While Housewife Is Out

Mrs. Leonard Welter of 257 State street has reported to the police that while she was absent from her home today thieves entered and stole a gold watch, a signet ring, diamond horseshoe stick pin, stick pin of three-leaf clover design, stickpin with lady and child design, and a stick pin with plain stone. The jewelry was stolen from a trunk in the bedroom.

## TRAIN MISSES LOADED TROLLEY BY FEW INCHES

Wreck and fatality at the North Avenue crossing of the Housatonic railroad were averted by a narrow margin on Thursday when a Pittsfield-Bridgeport passenger train and a well-loaded trolley car missed each other by a fraction of a foot.

Heroic efforts to prevent collision were made by the trolley crew and by the veteran engineer of the express, due to this city at 6:47 p. m. when the trolley was caught with its pole off the wire as the train rounded the curve above Eckart's brewery.

But for the presence of mind of Peter Collins, flagman at the crossing, death might have resulted to about a score of men and women who were caught in the car, too terrified to move, as the express bore down upon them with brakes clamped under high pressure.

Oliver E. Cook, a machinist in the Standard Mfg. Co. on Housatonic avenue, an eye witness to the incident, related the following facts to The Farmer today:

"I was approaching North avenue to get a car over town when I saw the trolley just ahead of me. The conductor ran forward to see that the tracks were clear and beckoned to the motorman to cross. As the forward wheels of the trolley crossed the railroad, the pole jumped off. At this moment the Pittsfield train rounded the curve above. The conductor ran to the back of the car and grasped the rope. He made several ineffectual efforts to replace the wheel, but so nervous was he that he could not locate the wire.

"The motorman stood upon the platform ready to back his car. A flagman (Peter Collins, 335 Warren street) yelled to the motorman to release his brakes. This was quickly complied with and the car rolled backwards under the force of gravity. There was a considerable rise on North avenue at the easterly approach to the Housatonic tracks."

Cook substantiates the fact that there was only a fraction of a foot between the platform of the car and the cylinder of the engine as the train passed the car. The passengers on the trolley car were terrified by their experience. Two are said to have run from the car.

## Hotel Alma Burns With \$5,000 Loss

Milford, Dec. 6.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed the Hotel Alma, on Walnut Beach Heights at 3 o'clock this morning, causing a loss of \$5,000. The hotel is said to be owned by Daniel P. Keane, the auctioneer of Bridgeport and is insured. The hotel was two story frame structure and contained 15 rooms. It was unoccupied and the furniture had been removed for the winter. Three fire companies were called to the blaze but they were unable to combat the flames successfully as they had already gained such a headway.

## FAIRFIELD WILL HAVE BIG HOTEL ON SHORE FRONT

Plan \$25,000 Structure For Beach—Much Land To Be Sold.

Fairfield beach is likely to assume a more commanding position in the realm of pleasure resorts than has been expected if the expectations of really dealers now engaged in procuring options on property there are fulfilled.

Henry McCartin, a wealthy hotel owner of Hartford and New London, who recently bought the Harold Fish cottage at the foot of Penfield avenue and now holds options on about 400 feet of beach front including the Redefel lot, and cottages west of Flint's bathing pavilion, will erect a \$25,000 hotel in the early spring. Plans for a bathing pavilion and boat docks are said to be included.

McCartin is said to contemplate removing his activities from Ocean beach, near New London, where he owns the Idle Hill hotel, and extending himself in promoting Fairfield beach into a resort that will eclipse anything within a radius of 100 miles from New York. The Coney Island features will be minor, although boat connection from New York probably will be featured on Saturdays and Sundays.

Many persons along Fairfield beach, it is learned today, have been appealing for options and many are now held on beach property west of Penfield avenue. Deeds for the Fish property have been filed but do not record the full purchase price.

## George E. Melius Estate is \$10,000

George Esley Melius, vice president and treasurer of the H. C. Canfield Co. and the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., died at his home at 118-339.07 according to the inventory filed in the probate court today by the appraiser, John P. Gray and Walter C. North. The inventory shows that Mr. Melius had cash in various banks of this city amounting to \$5,339.07. His realty holdings are set down as \$2,500 in property in Norman street; \$2,400 in property on Sterling place and \$100 in property in Evergreen street.

## Major Penfield Signs Two Remonstrances

The Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. and the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. have remonstrated against the application of Frank J. Higgins, who wants a renewal of a liquor license at 936 Hallett street. Major Penfield signed for both remonstrances. It is claimed the location is unsuitable because there are already an excessive number of saloons in the neighborhood, because it is a manufacturing section and there is a public school nearby.